



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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WIFA Request for Grant Applications: Planning and Design Assistance Grants

PHOENIX (January 2, 2013) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona is seeking applications for water infrastructure planning or design projects that will help prepare facilities for project construction. Funding for drinking water projects, up to \$35,000, is available to public water systems owned by districts, local governments and private, ACC-regulated companies. Total funding available for this grant cycle is \$150,000. Applications must be received by 3 p.m. MST, Thursday, February 28, 2013.

“WIFA is pleased to make grant awards available to communities with limited resources that need assistance in completing the planning or design phase of an infrastructure project,” said WIFA Executive Director, Sandy Sutton. “After the planning phase is complete, we can provide additional financial assistance with our low-interest loans designed to ensure safe, reliable drinking water.”

WIFA will announce grant awards on April 17, 2013. Recipients are required to contribute a local match unless the project qualifies as “green.” Green projects, or projects for sustainable construction efforts such as water efficiency, energy efficiency or other environmentally innovative activities, may qualify for a waiver of the local match funding requirement.

Please see WIFA’s *Applicant’s Guide* at www.azwifa.gov (click on *Grant Programs under the Main Menu*) for more information on eligible projects, evaluation criteria, and grant terms and conditions. Apply using WIFA’s e-application system.